

resources of the institution. In our judgment these inquiries were entirely proper and deserving of respectful attention. Brother Crofford, too, has made inquiries equally proper and worthy of consideration. These men are representative men; they have a large constituency. They have made inquiry, not from any impure motive, but because they want information. They have not pried into private matters which does not concern them. It is a matter of interest to the whole church, and the church has a perfect right to be informed. It is but just to say that the brethren who made these inquiries have the cause at heart; from the beginning they have been self-sacrificing in their devotion to the cause which the Brethren church represents. They are men who hold every obligation, whether civil or moral, as a sacred thing. This is one side of the question, and one which must not be disregarded.

In last week's issue of the EVANGELIST Brother Miller presented another side of the question, that of moral obligation. He made no inquiry as to the amount of indebtedness, the amount raised and the amount yet to be raised to liquidate the debt. Neither indeed was such inquiry necessary to his purpose. The church, in conference assembled, having accepted the institution and pledged its support to the same, the question of paying the debt resolves itself into one of moral obligation, and such questions have but one side to them, and that is to meet and satisfy the obligation. This is Brother Miller's argument, and as to his earnest devotion to the principles of the Brethren church and to the cause of higher education in the church, as one of the most successful means of disseminating these principles, we need not speak. His work tells its own story.

In this week's issue of the paper, brother John Keim gives to the public just what they want and what they have been looking for, the financial side of the question. On pages two and three will be found a complete financial statement of the institution. Brother Keim represents the finance committee, is thoroughly acquainted with all the details touching the finances of the institution, and has made this statement without any reservation whatever. The amount of the indebtedness can no longer be a question. That is settled. Turn to the record and read. With interest reckoned to May 1, 1896, the entire indebtedness is \$15,886.60. The re-

sources too are given in detail. These resources are in the form of pledges and notes; instead of giving the names of the persons who gave these these notes and pledges, the number only is given, which is as it should be. These aggregate, with interest, \$6,419 84. This leaves \$9,466 76 to be provided to liquidate the debt, in case all the notes and pledges are collectable. Churches have been slow in sending in their apportionment, even where the amount is raised, not knowing whether a sufficient amount will be raised to save the institution to the church. This matter is now cleared up. The proposition by Brother Keim is certainly very fair. Read it. There is to be a meeting at Ashland May 4, to make a final disposition of the matter. The various districts may send their representatives with their apportionments and with the finance committee and the creditors, a final and satisfactory settlement can certainly be made. If a sufficient amount is not raised to liquidate all indebtedness, the money paid in will be returned to those who gave it. The finance committee has labored hard and earnestly to save the institution and they with others will rejoice in a final settlement of the matter.

Now then brethren, and sisters and friends, here it is. You have heard the whole case. Do you understand it? If so then act accordingly. Do *something*, and do it at once. There is no time to lose. The time is short. Do your duty, meet the committee on May 4, and let this be the end of the matter. For our own sakes, for the sake of the cause, let this be a final decision and a decision for the right.

Personal Mention.

Brother Summers reports one accession at Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

Brethren C. F. Yoder and Arthur Wirick have been chosen as elders for the Auburn, Ind., class.

According to the Washington correspondent, Sister Grossnickle is engaged in a series of revival services in that city.

Brother P. H. Beaver, Montandon, Pa., pays the paper the rest of the year for a sister at McVeytown, Pa. He has our thanks.

Brother Teeter has been engaged as pastor by the Brethren at Darwin, Ind., where he has succeeded in organizing a good congregation. He reports several baptisms in this issue with others to baptize.

A good brother from Sydney, Ind., pays for the EVANGELIST the balance of the year, and also for a sample package of tracts, both to be sent to the person named in his letter. We do not know the name of the donor but he has our thanks for his interest in the cause.

Brother R. Z. Replogle has a very gentle way of reminding the Pa. Mission Board what its duty is. Not any too gentle either, for he talks about a coming reckoning which may bring some one under condemnation for neglect of duty. Wake up, brethren

Brother G. F. Shaver, Richmond, Va., writes: "My heart is made to rejoice at the good news that appears in the EVANGELIST, the many additions to the church. May the good work go on. I fail to see why any member of the Brethren church should be without the EVANGELIST. As far as I am personally concerned, I would rather sacrifice in some other direction than be deprived of the paper. It ought to be read by every member in the entire brotherhood." Thanks, it is this spirit and this alone that will swell our list to three thousand.

MORE MISSIONARY TALK.

Last year at the Warsaw convention when the excitement ran high on donations and pledges to the Chicago Mission the delegate from Carleton, Neb., agreed to pay \$50.00. As fault is often found with our members although a regularly authorized delegate for pledging his church or his society this was not made as a pledge for the Carleton church to pay. At Christmas an opportunity was given for free-will offerings for the work in Chicago. Fourteen dollars was promptly contributed, but some how it was quietly passed around that "there was \$50 pledged for the Chicago Mission." Then instead of finding fault with the delegate work began in earnest. Arrangements were made with Prof. Scott, superintendent of the Carleton schools and Rev. Cooke of the Presbyterian church, Hebron, to each deliver a lecture in our church. These gentlemen donated their services to the Carleton C. E. in the interest of the Chicago Mission. The admission was only 10 cents, but the lectures were worth a quarter. People it seems never need to be taught to go to a circus or minstrel show. It is well known however that such an education is necessary to get a community to turn out to a lecture. The crowds were not large but the net receipts from the lectures were \$7.00.

Last week the S. S. C. E. gave a ten cent dinner. The landlady of the Tremont house donated her kitchen, dining room, dishes and all. The society is well prepared to serve meals from their own dishes and tables but accepted the offering. It was a big dinner every way that you measure it. The result was \$10 net for the Chicago Mission. There is only \$14 more to raise until the \$50 will have gone to Chicago from Carleton. I have written this not in the least to speak of how much the Carleton church has done but rather to show how it is done in the hope that it may help other churches to go and do likewise.

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